

Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force

May 9, 2023



North Central Texas
Council of Governments
Environment & Development



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Materials from past meetings can be viewed at:

<https://nctcog.org/envir/committees/trinity-river-national-water-trail-task-force>

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Meeting Purpose
2. State of the Trail
3. Paddling Trail Expansion
4. Potential Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop
5. Economic & Quality of Life Benefits of Water Trails
6. Panther Island Paddle Sports
7. Roundtable
8. Panther Island/Central City Flood Control Project
9. Upcoming Events & Opportunities



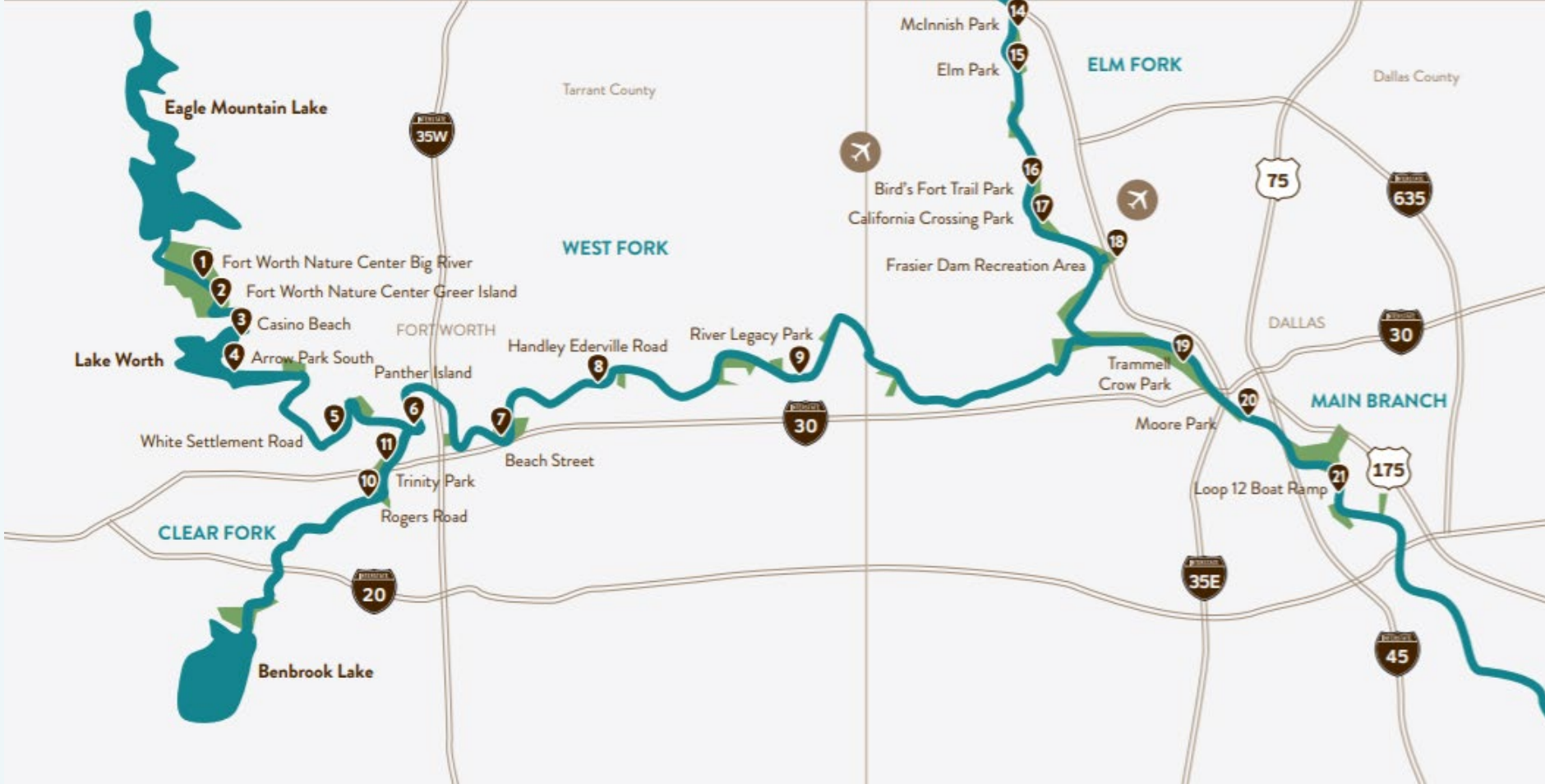
Welcome & Meeting Purpose

Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition



KEY

- Launch Site
- Trinity River
- Park
- Airport

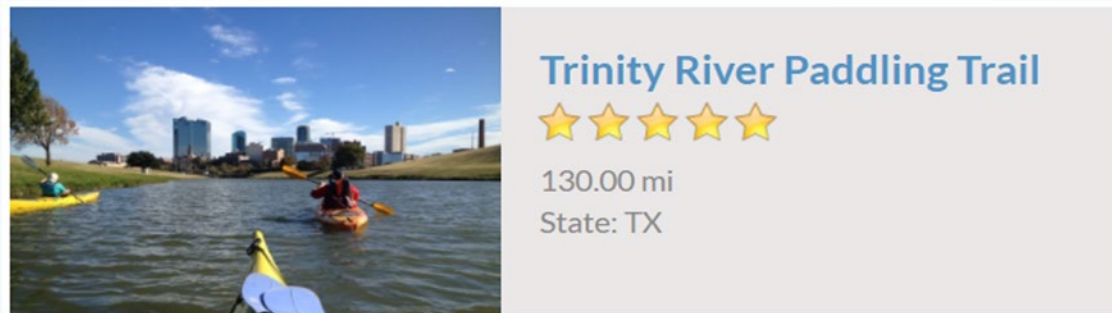


State of the Trail

*Teresa Patterson, Dale Harris, & Steve Smith,
Trinity Coalition*

Trinity River National Water Trail

- One of 35 in the nation
- www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm
- Select “Find Your National Water Trail”
- Select “Trinity River Paddling Trail”



Trinity River National Water Trail

All but 2 sections are 4-6 miles in length

- One 12-mile section
- One 24-mile section
- New expansion sites will shorten some of these distances

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Trinity River Paddling Trail



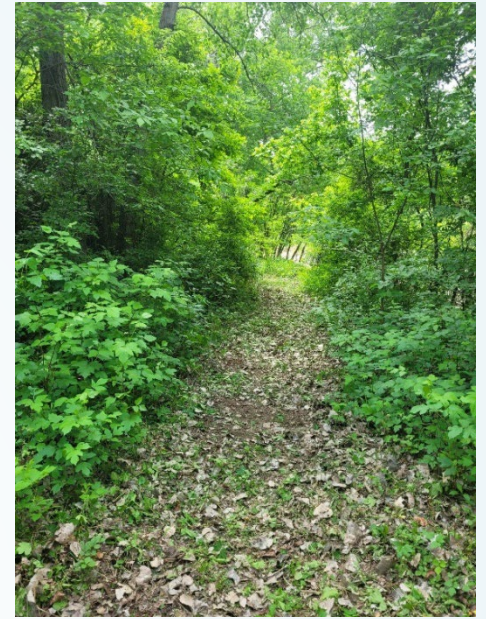
The Trinity River Paddling Trail consists of 130 miles of river accessed by 21 official launch sites. The paddling trail traverses 9 municipalities including Dallas and Ft. Worth, and is located in the middle of America's 4th largest metro area with a population of 7.5 million people. Over 5 million people live within 30 minute drive of the trail.



Paddling Trail Status May 2023

Currently 20 out of 21 launch sites are open

- ▶ Loop 12 closed - flood damage and safety concerns
- ▶ One launch site on the West Fork is getting difficult to use
- ▶ Portage trail around Carrollton Dam is being used and paddling community is keeping it clean



Portage trail around Carrollton Dam

Future Launch Sites / Trail Additions

- New Beltline canoe launch
- New Viridian canoe launch
- New launch at Riverside Park in Fort Worth – in planning stages
- Trinity View Park canoe and kayak launch summer / Fall 2023

Interfacing with the Paddling Public

Trinity Coalition maintains 4 social media sites:

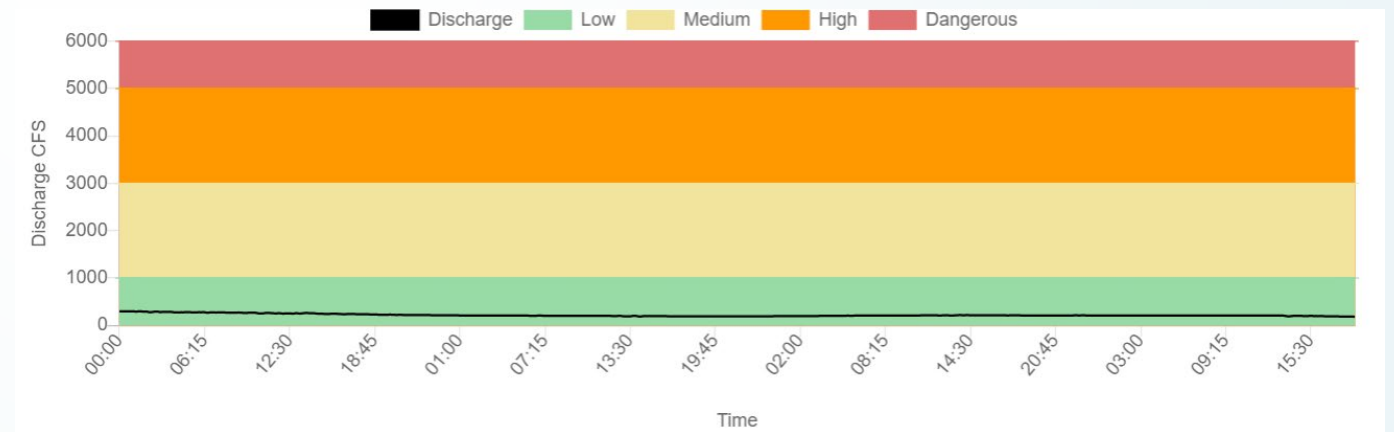
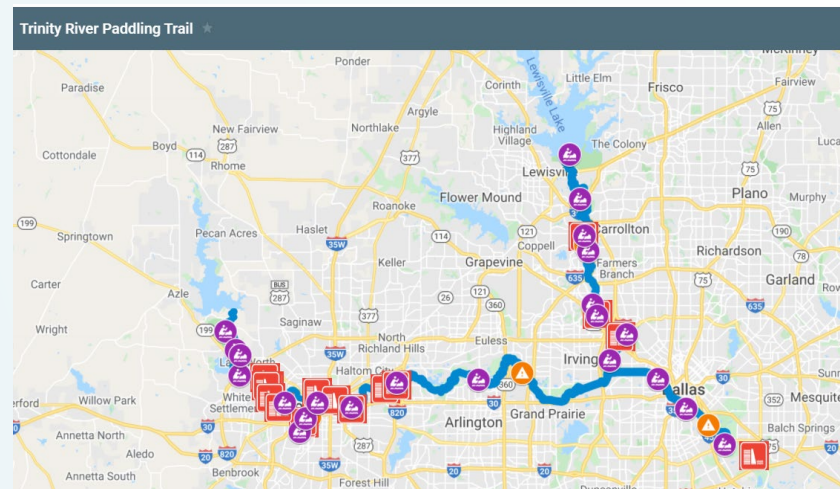
- Trinity Coalition Web Site
- Trinity Coalition Facebook Page / trail information and status
- Trinity River Paddling Trail Association FB Group Page / 1,900+
- Trinity Coalition Meetup Page / 4,000 paddlers



Trinity Coalition at REI's Non-profit Fair

Trinity Coalition Web Site Tools

- ▶ Trinity Coalition Web Site: <https://trinitycoalition.org/>
- ▶ Water Trail Information: <https://trinitycoalition.org/paddling-trail>
- ▶ Interactive Map: <https://trinitycoalition.org/launch-sites-map>
- ▶ Water Levels: <https://trinitycoalition.org/water-levels>



Paddling Trail Usage

- This quarter the trail has been usable, except:
 - Feb 4
 - March 4 – 20
- The section between LLELA and Hebron Parkway has a tree blocking the river making it unpassable during very low water flows



Special Events

- Cowtown Cleanup - March 25
- Living with the Trinity - April 6
- Halff Associates Cleanup - April 8



Special Events

➤ Earth X Expo - April 21-23



Special Events - Future

- Trinity Coalition Paddlesports Paddle Party - May 13
- Walnut Creek Cleanup - May 20
- Freese and Nichols Cleanup - May 27



Paddling Trail Expansion

Dale Harris, Trinity Coalition

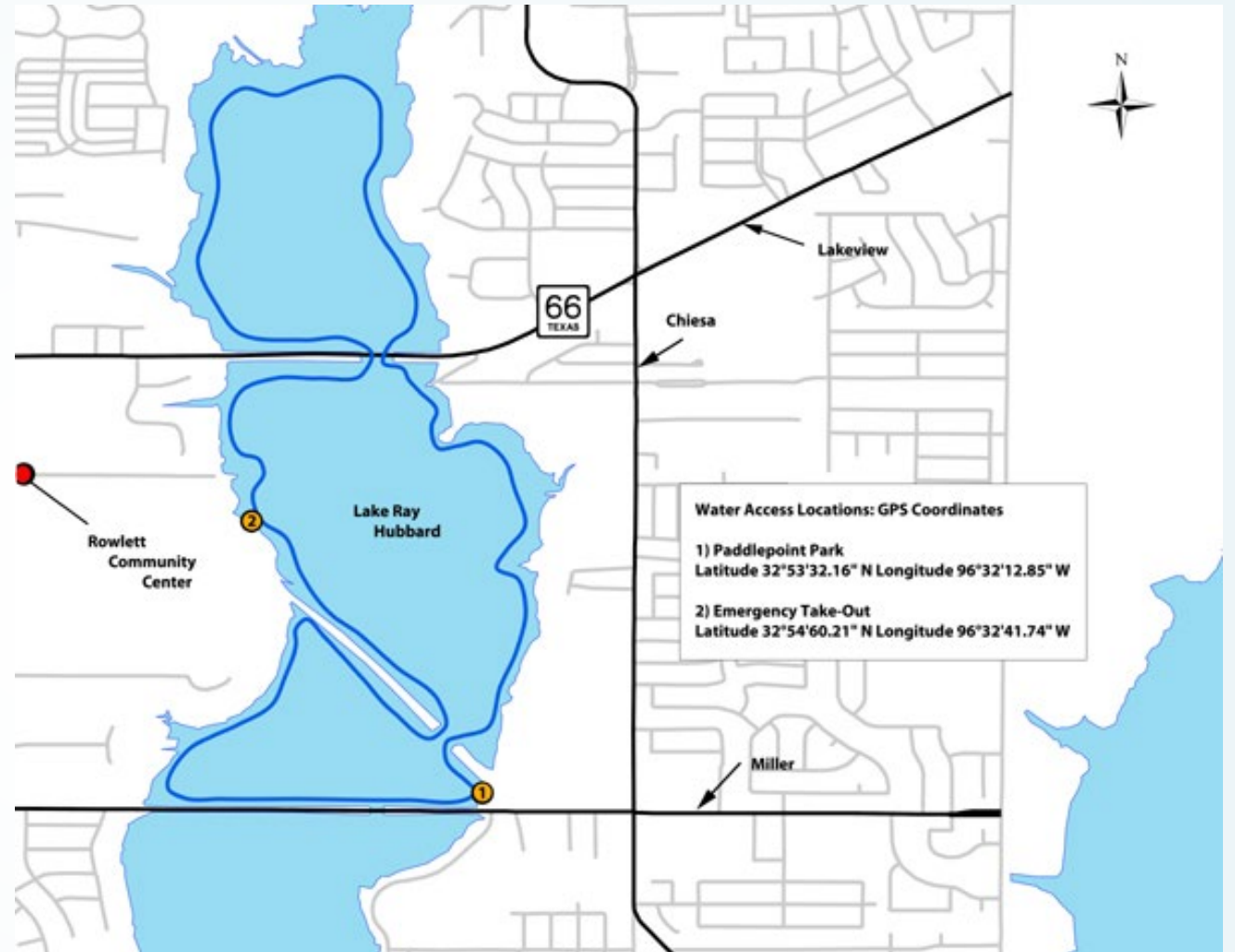
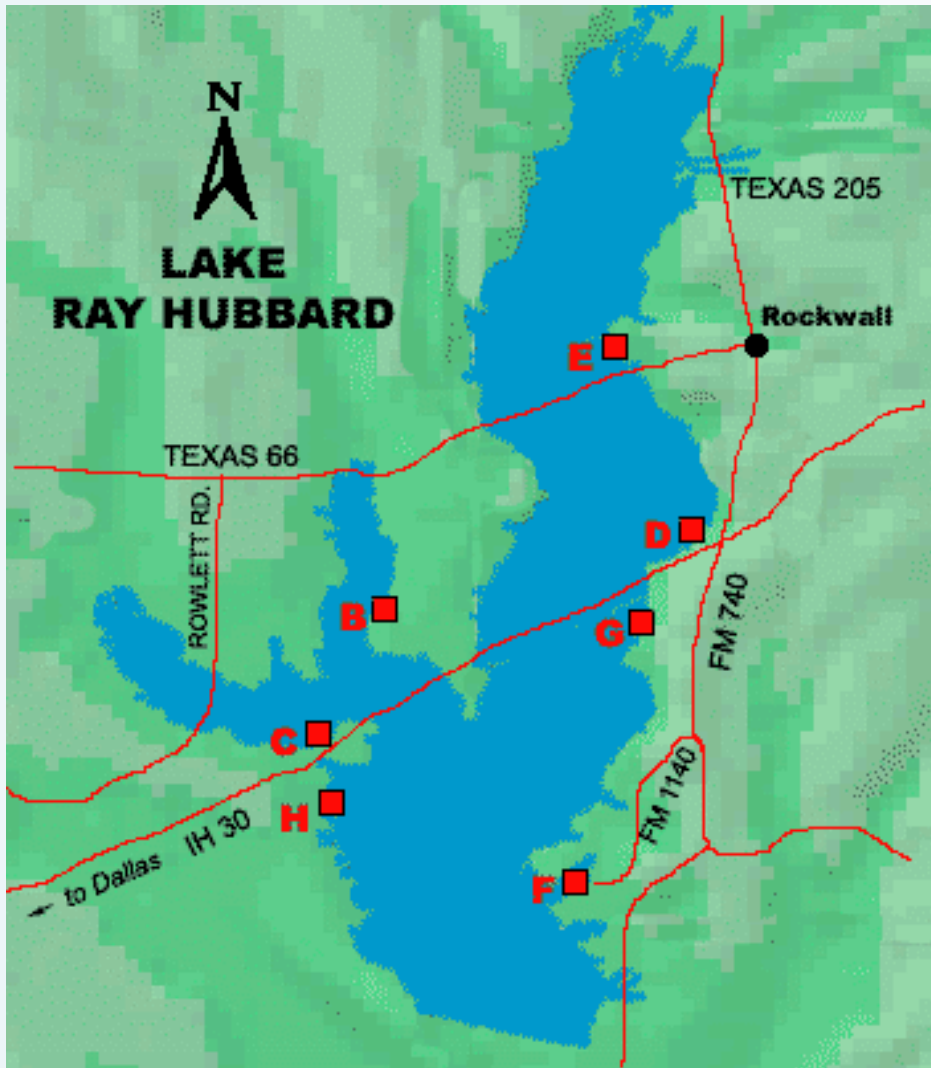
Padding Trail Expansion

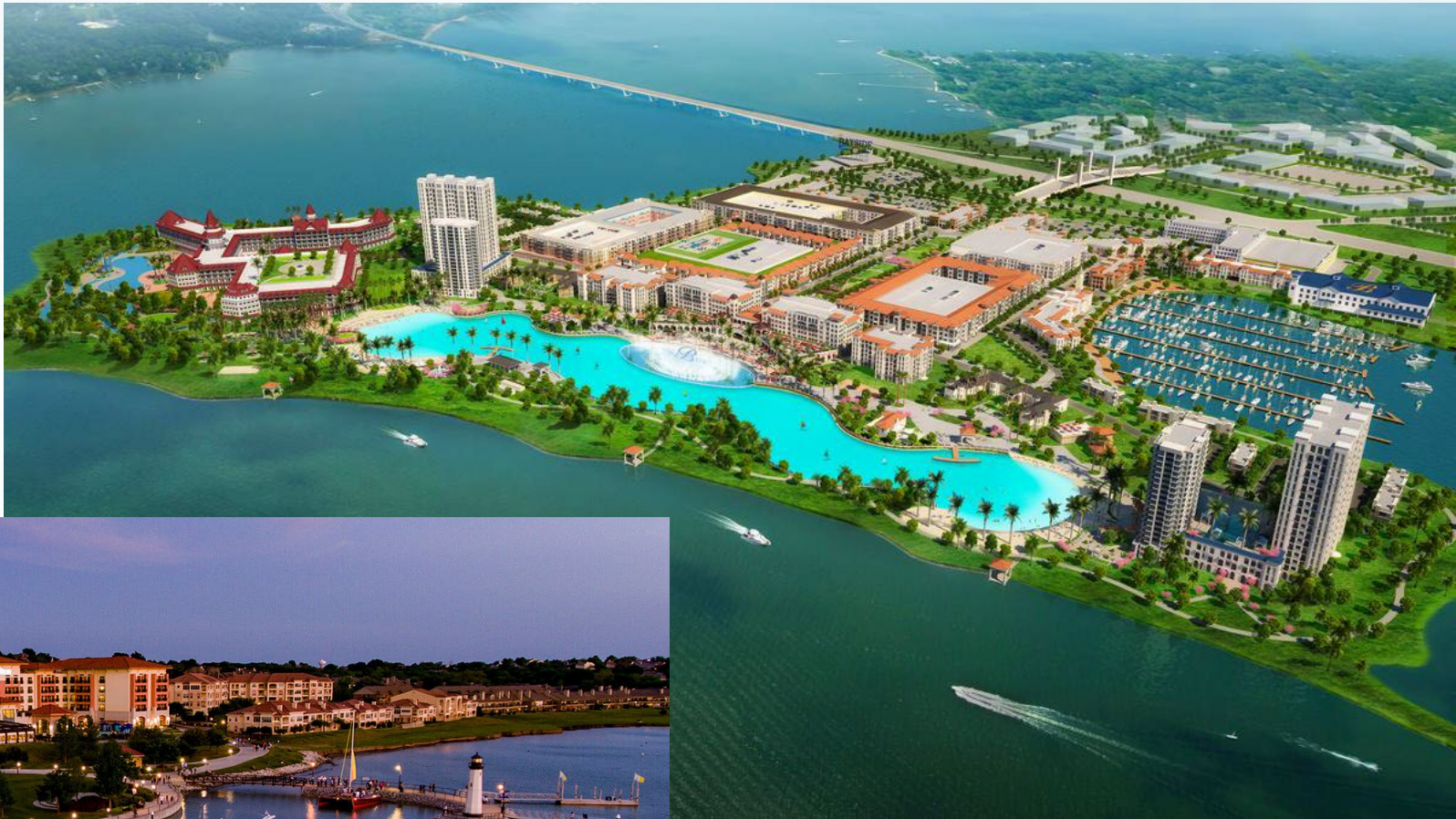
- Discussed possibility of adding USACE boat ramps on Corps lakes
 - Biggest issue is portaging around the Dams – some are over a mile
 - National Parks Service requires end to end continuity of the Water Trail
- Discussed with Trinity River Authority on a possible plan:
 1. Lower Trinity / Lake Livingston to Trinity Bay
 2. Loop 12 down to Malloy Bridge Rd. / Goat Island Preserve and Riverbend Preserve
 3. Malloy Bridge to Lake Livingston (long-term future)
- Drafted letter to be sent to Cornyn, Cruz, and Allred to use the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan” to remove Lock & Dam #1

Potential Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop

Stephanie Higgins, Patriot Anglers Volunteer









CONCEPT GRAPHIC ONLY
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Economic & Quality of Life Benefits of Water Trails

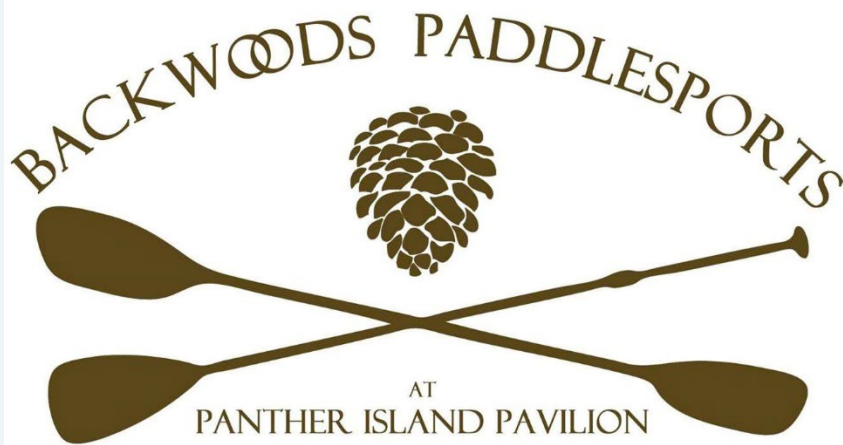
Dave Holl, Local Kayaker & Kayak Store Owner

Benefits

- Economic
 - Sales tax – rentals
 - Property tax
- Quality of Life
 - Healthy outdoor activity
 - Seasonal employment for teenagers
 - Programming – scouts, home school, church groups, seniors
- Education
 - Instruction – ACA
 - School districts
 - Colleges and Universities

Panther Island Paddle Sports

*Teresa Patterson & Tracy LeBlanc,
Trinity Coalition*



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Discover Your River ADVENTURE



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at Panther Island

Eco Friendly Tourism

“Being on the river helps me appreciate how important it is to protect this natural treasure. It is a little bit of wild in the heart of the city.” -T. Patterson

Trinity Coalition is a winner of
the Texan by Nature
Conservation Wrangler Award
and the Green Source DFW
Green Project of the Year 2021

Task Force Roundtable

All Members

(please raise your hand and unmute yourself)

Panther Island / Central City Flood Control Project

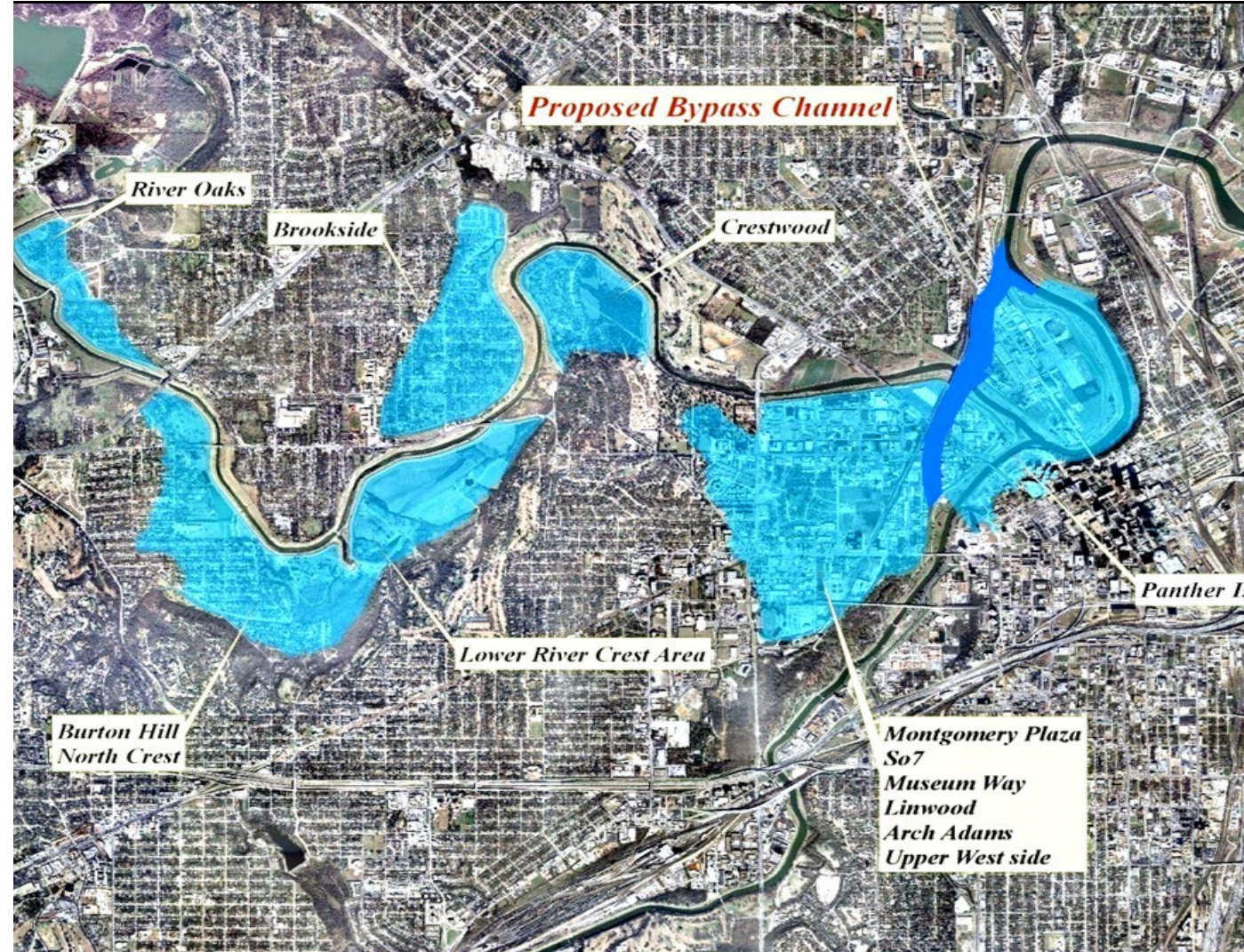
A MODEL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

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Matt Oliver

Central City / Panther Island
Tarrant Regional Water District



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HOW THE FULLY INTEGRATED PLAN WILL BE BUILT

Integrated Project Sequencing

Storm Water
Management

Bridges

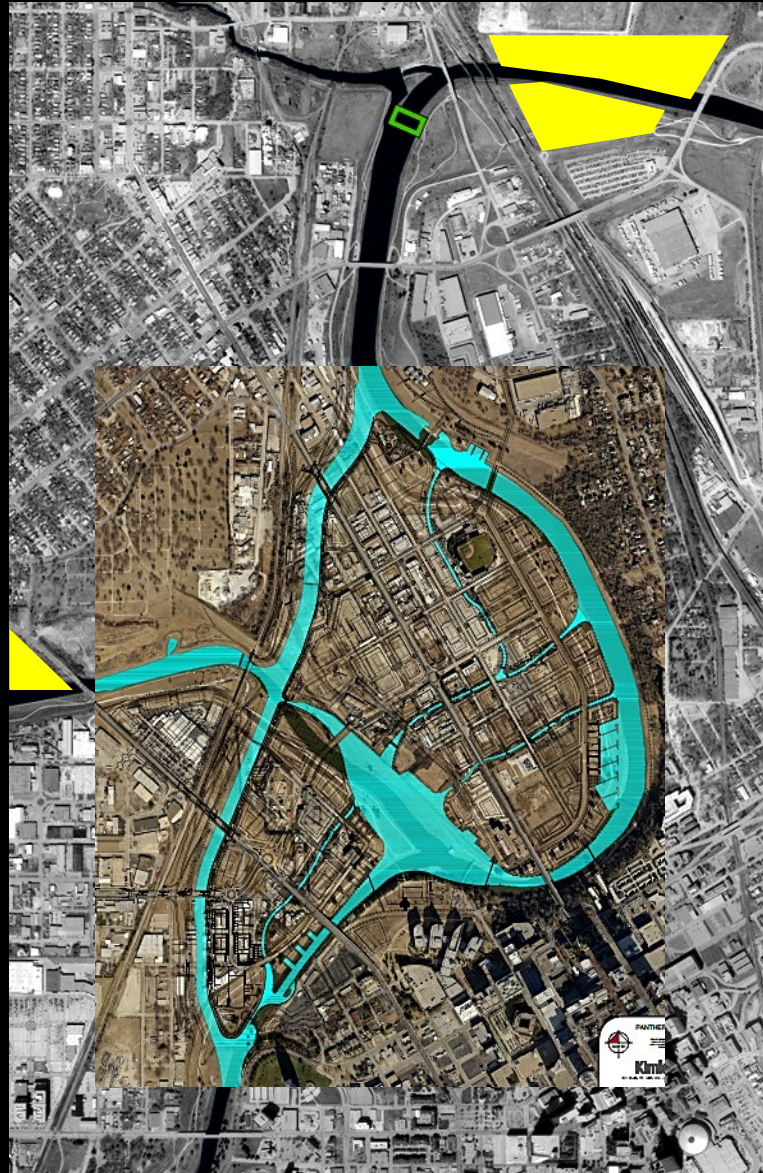
Bypass Channel

Isolation Gates

Dam &
Channel Lock

Interior Water
Feature

Panther Island



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STORM WATER MANAGEMENT (VALLEY STORAGE)



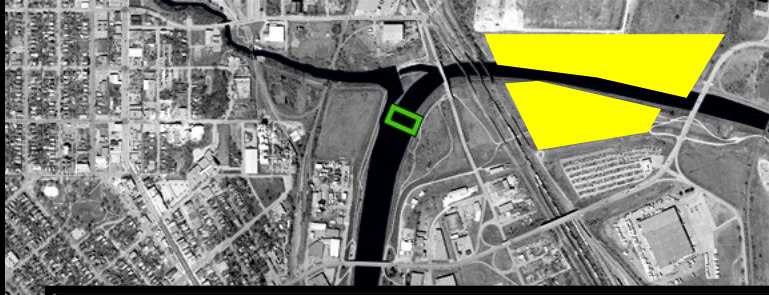
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP FOR PATH OF USACE BYPASS CHANNEL



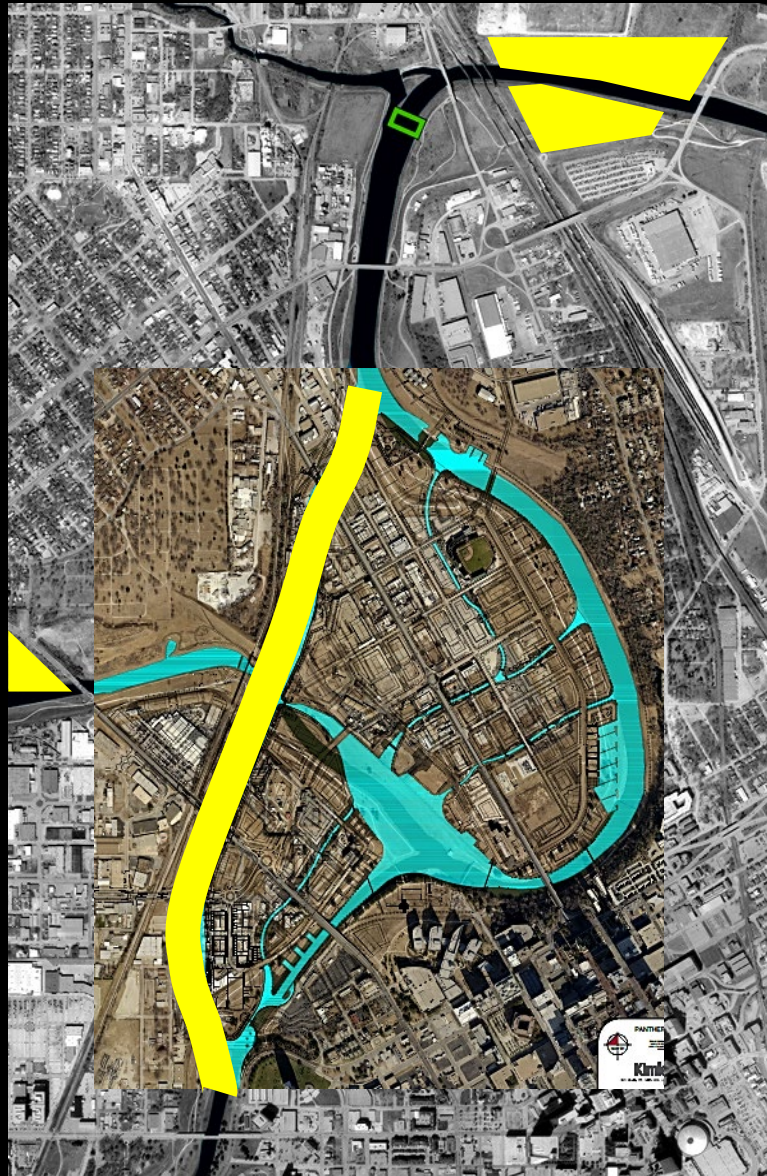
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TxDOT BRIDGES (3) CROSSING USACE BYPASS CHANNEL



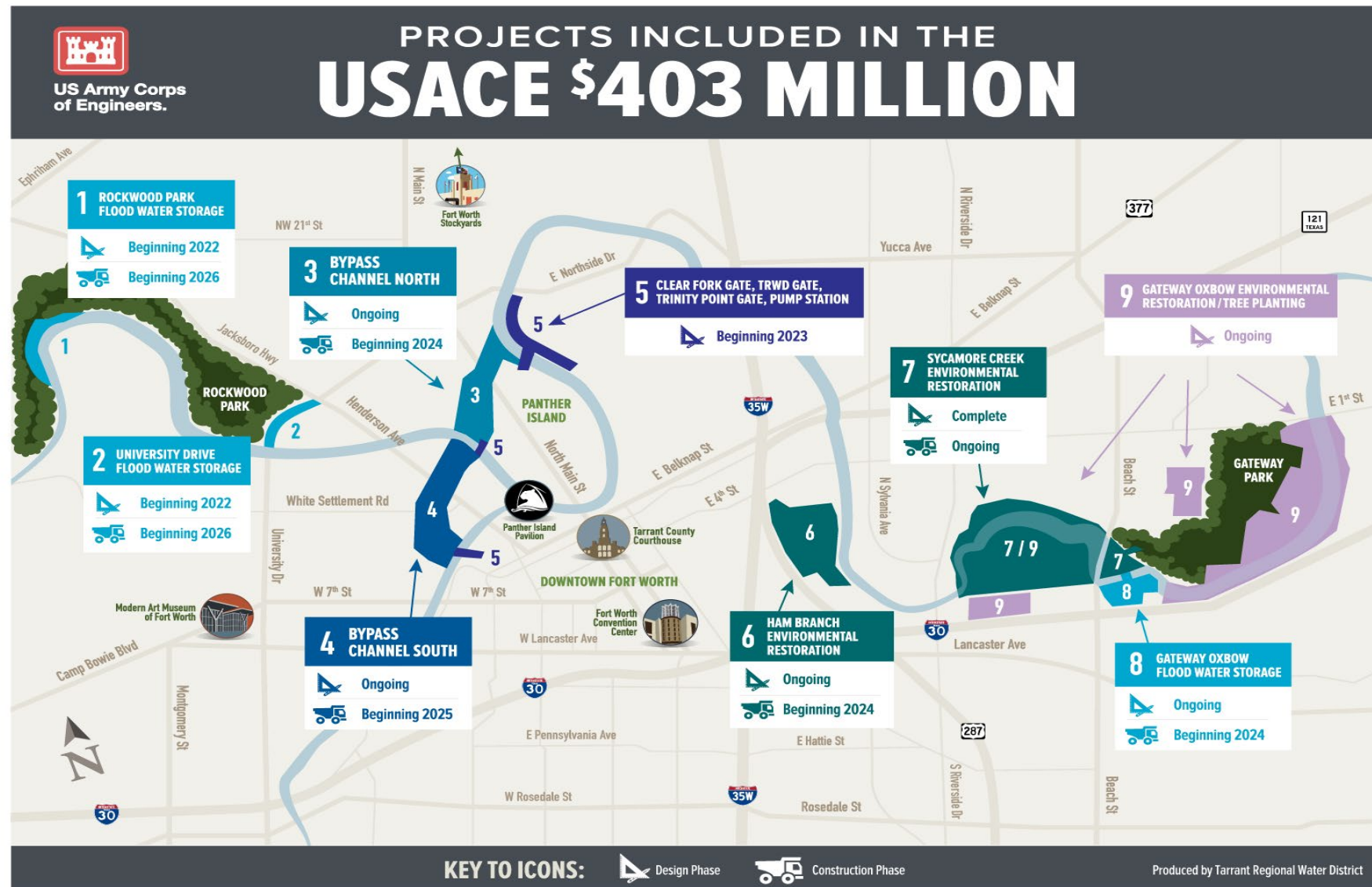
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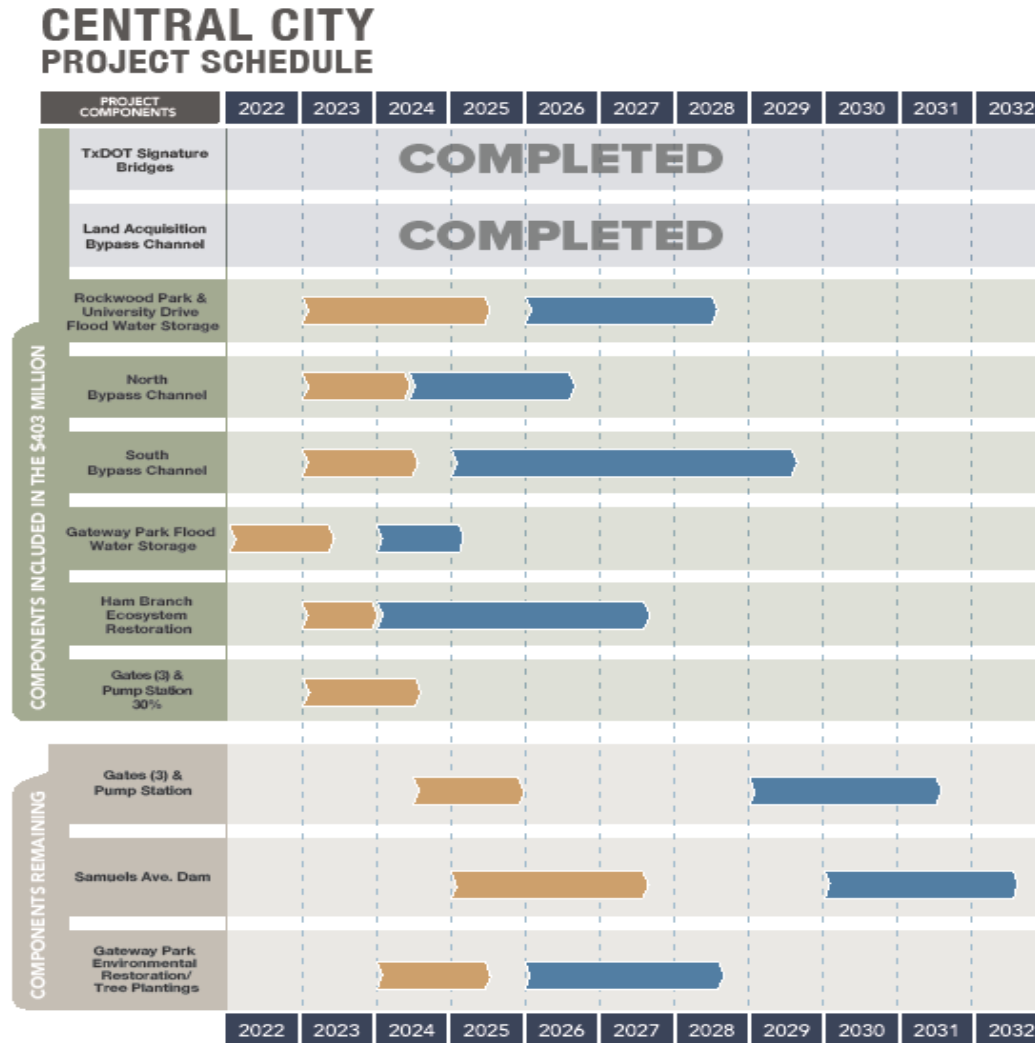
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PROJECTS INCLUDED IN USACE \$403 MILLION



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CENTRAL CITY PROJECT SCHEDULE



COMPONENTS INCLUDED IN THE \$403 MILLION

COMPONENTS REMAINING

Produced by Tarrant Regional Water District

Design Construction

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WHY USACE WAS ASKED TO STUDY INCORPORATING THE OXBOW



**Gateway Park
June 14, 1989**

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HOW THE FULLY INTEGRATED PLAN WILL BE BUILT



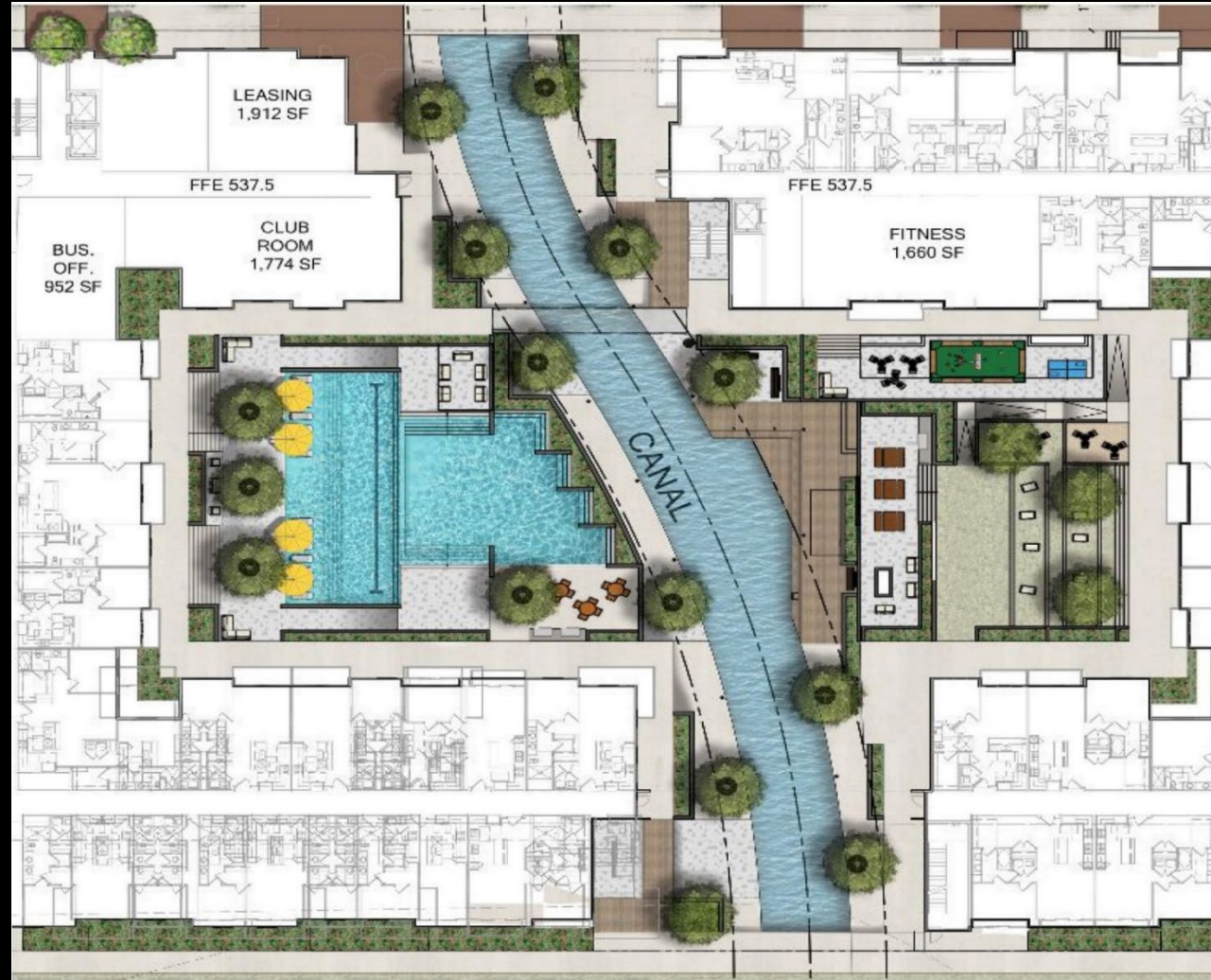
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PANTHER ISLAND: CFW Re-Zoned for High Density Mixed-Use Purpose



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PANTHER ISLAND: Private Development Underway



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PANTHER ISLAND: Combining Stormwater Innovation with Public Spaces



Another Public-Private Partnership delivering critical infrastructure

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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Webinar: Community Development – What Is It and Local Examples

Thursday, May 11, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/community-development>

Green Asset Management Hybrid Workshop

Tuesday, May 16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Setting up an organizational framework to document the green asset portfolio

Register to attend in-person: <https://www.addevent.com/event/zS16739585>

Register to attend virtually: <https://www.addevent.com/event/FG16740075>

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

Shares information to help address bacteria impairments

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/bacteria-total-maximum-daily-load-program>

NCTCOG Environment & Development Programs Webinar

Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

Initiatives that address flood risks and water quality challenges

<https://www.addevent.com/event/dr16816408>

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Trinity River National Water Trail Master Plan Work Group

Thursday, June 29, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at NCTCOG Offices

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/trinity-river-national-water-trail-task-force>

Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force Meeting

Friday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at NCTCOG Offices

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